

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft comprising:
a nozzle for adjusting the direction of jet water,
a steering handle,
a trim operating lever attached to the steering handle, and
a lever lock structure attached to the trim operating lever,
wherein the nozzle rotates vertically as the trim operating lever oscillates,
wherein the lever lock structure locks the trim operating lever in a ~~specific position~~ fully gripped position against the steering handle.
- 2-3 (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 11, wherein the lock lever comprises:
a finger hook portion,
a projected portion, and
a latch end portion,
wherein the spring plate contacts the projected portion of the lock lever.
5. (Original) The trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft of claim 4, wherein the lock lever oscillates between a locked position and an unlocked position.
6. (Original) The trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft of claim 5, wherein the latch end portion of the lock lever contacts a latch projected portion attached to the steering handle when the lock lever is in the locked position.

7. (Currently Amended) A trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft comprising:
a jet propeller for ejecting jet water,
a nozzle capable of adjusting the direction of the jet water, the nozzle being operably connected to the jet propeller,
a steering handle, and
means attached to the steering handle for controlling the nozzle, said controlling means including a trim operating lever attached to the steering handle, and
means for locking the trim operating lever in a specific position, said locking means including
a lock lever,
a spring plate, and
an origin stopper,
wherein the nozzle rotates vertically as the trim operating lever oscillates.
- 8-9 (Canceled)
10. (Original) The trim operating lever device of claim 7, wherein the means attached to the steering handle for controlling the nozzle comprises means for adjusting the direction of the jet water with only two hand operations.
11. (New) A trim operating lever device for a personal watercraft comprising:
a nozzle for adjusting the direction of jet water,
a steering handle,
a trim operating lever attached to the steering handle, and
a lever lock structure including a lock lever, a spring plate, and an origin stopper attached to the trim operating lever,
wherein the nozzle rotates vertically as the trim operating lever oscillates,
wherein the lever lock structure locks the trim operating lever in a specific position.